

Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

Capitol Report



Review of 9 Constitutional Amendments Profiled; 6-in a 6-Part Series Complete Election is Tues, Nov. 5, 2013

As we have been informing you the last several weeks, from September through October, this **Capitol Report** has completed a 6-part series highlighting the **9 amendments** that will appear in the Nov 5 Constitutional Amendments Ballot.

We hope the **Report** offered our readers an opportunity to examine each of them closely and thoroughly prior to the November 5th elections. To see a sample of the ballot in both English and Spanish, visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.tx.us and click on the link to the right column called Sample Ballot at: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/2013-sample-ballot.pdf>

In addition to the highlights provided in this **Capitol Report**, readers are also encouraged to visit the Texas Legislative Council's (TLC) website, and review the document entitled, *Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments, November 5, 2013*, which contains information for each proposed amendment that will appear on the November 5, 2013 ballot, including the ballot language, an analysis, and the text of the joint resolution proposing the amendment. The analysis also includes background information and a summary of comments made about each proposed constitutional amendment by supporters and by opponents. That document can be found by visiting the following website: http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/const_amends.htm.

Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families Established at US Dept. of Health & Human Services

Reliable sources within the US Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families (or ACF) has informed my offices that that the ACF and its **Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation** has established a **Center for Research on Hispanic Children and Families**. The center will lead and support investigation of the needs of Hispanic populations served by ACF and promising approaches to promote social and economic well-being among low-income Hispanic families. Specifically, the center will advance understanding of poverty and self-sufficiency, marriage and relationships, fatherhood, child care and early education among Hispanic children and families. OPRE has awarded a grant for the center to Child Trends, in collaboration with Abt Associates. Lina Guzman at Child Trends and Michael Lopez at Abt Associates will lead the center.

If you will recall, former Dallas resident and local activist, Jesus (Jesse) Garcia, is now working for ACF in Washington, DC under the Obama Administration. For more detail about the center, visit their website at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre>

Don't Forget to Vote Tuesday, November 5, 2013

9 Constitutional Amendments on the Ballot



Rep. Alonzo Announces 2014 Texas AFL-CIO Scholarships; Urges Student Applicants - DEADLINE is January 31, 2014

Rep. Alonzo joins the Texas AFL-CIO in announcing the 2014 scholarship program for children of members of local union families who are affiliated with the Texas AFL-CIO and the local Central Labor Council. Applicants must be high school seniors who are planning to attend a university, college or technical institute in the summer or fall term 2014. Application forms are available from your Labor Council or the Texas AFL-CIO Education Department, PO Box 12727, Austin, TX 78711. And the **postmark deadline for applying is Friday, January 31, 2014**. For a complete copy of the application click on the link: [2014 Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Program Application](#); or contact your local union officer, Central Labor Council or Edward Sills, Texas AFL-CIO Education Department, at (512) 477-6195 or e-mail him at ed@texasaflcio.org

"In light of the current economic situation, coupled with the fact that tuition, institutional fees and the overall costs of getting a college education continues to escalate, I urge all eligible students to apply for these AFL-CIO scholarships," said Rep.

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Raul Quintanilla Sr. Middle School Fall Fest

***Friday, Nov. 1, from 5-7 pm
2700 Redmond Dr, Dallas, TX 75211***

2014 Texas AFL-CIO Scholarships [continued from left column]

Alonzo. ***"Moreover, as those costs increase, the accessibility and affordability of a college education continues to become more out of reach for average hard-working families. Thus, it becomes more imperative that our youth and their families take advantage of scholarship programs like this one. I applaud organizations like the Texas AFL-CIO that are helping us meet those demands,"*** continued Rep. Alonzo.